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5-Year Plan For BWA

Wake Forest, N.C. (BP) — The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) Executive Committee outlined a five - year timetable for its new division of evangelism and education, and approved funds for shipment of 3,000 Bibles to the USSR, during a meeting here on the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary campus.

C. Ronald Goulding, BWA associate secretary in London, said the division of evangelism and education will serve as a center for inspiration, cooperation, and resources for Baptists of 141 countries. Goulding will move to the BWA headquarters in Washington, D.C., in 1976 to direct the division, which will need $45,000 a year to operate.

The committee approved a transfer of the BWA European office from London to some city in Germany in October 1976 when Gerhard Claas of West Germany replaces Goulding as BWA associate secretary in Europe.

Goulding reported that the Department of Religious Affairs of the USSR has granted permission for importation of 3,000 German - language Bibles in cooperation with the United Bible Societies from Brussels, Belgium, to Estonia, USSR. The BWA Relief Committee voted to give $3,000 toward the cost of the Bibles.

The committee also voted to fund half the cost, or $90,000, of replacing a Baptist church building in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. The committee agreed to apply BWA relief funds to, and appeal for new contributions for, necessary renovation of a Baptist church in Chelm Lubelski, Poland; a roof for a church in Budapest, Hungary; an evangelism bus for the Polish Bapist Union; and Christmas parcels for pastors in countries with poverty level ministerial salaries.

"New persons for a new world through Jesus Christ" is the proposed theme of the first five years of the new evangelism and education division. The 1977-78 emphasis will be "A people renewed through Bible study," and "A people renewed for witness and service" will be the 1978-79 follow - up. The 1979-80

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OFFICERS POSE AT THE ENTRANCE GATE to the J.J. Johnson Assembly, Laurel Hill where they had engaged in workshop. L - to R: Mrs. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary Woman's Baptist State Convention, Mrs. Betty Chisholm, Administrative Assistant, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, General Baptist State Convention, Dr. C.C. Craig, Assistant Executive Secretary; Dr. S.A. Raper, fourth Vice-President; Dr. E.B. Turner, Vice-President-At-Large; Dr. J.C. Harris, Vice-President; Dr. C.R. Edwards, President, Lott-Carey Convention, Mrs. J.B. McLester, Pesident, Woman's Baptist State Convention and President J.J. Johnson. The gate was recently erected complete with a donor marker and a marker listing current officers of the Convention.

'Workshop Was Inspiring'

The Workshop was conducted and coordinated Monday - Wednesday, December 8-10, by Rev. Leo Williams, Jr. Director of Christian Education. The workings and operations of the General Convention were effectively and proficiently presented by Dr. C.C. Craig, J.C. Harris, E.B. Turner, Reverends: S.A. Raper, Leo Williams, H.L. Mitchell, Mrs. J.B. McLester and Mr. Arthur Williams. The relevant theme was "Doing the Work Instead of Talking".

The music was superbly directed by Dr. C.R. Moseley with participants, Mrs. Georgia Guest and Mrs. Leo Williams adding to the worship atmosphere, singing and playing heavenly melodies. The evening preachers, Reverends V.S. Singletary, S.A. Raper and Raymond Lassiter were eloquent, profound, and inspiring.

Summit Meeting Smashing Success

Raleigh — Chaired by the eminent Dr. Jerry Drayton the "Summit Meeting" resulted in tremendous discussion and debate but when all the smoke cleared and the voices calmed, twenty - nine of the thirty presidential proposals were adopted for implementation by the executive committee.

The lone proposal not adopted related to setting up criteria for replacement and retirement of Convention employees was referred to the personnel committee, chaired by the elite, Dr. J.C. Harris.

The general board and its proficient chairman, Dr. J. Ray Butler adopted the twenty - nine proposals expeditiously. All except four of the twenty - nine proposals would fall under home missions, headed by Dr. J.C. Harris.

The organization of a state - wide credit union will be handled by the capable Assistant Executive Secretary, Dr. C.C. Craig, and his Benefits Commission.

The auditing of all Convention financial records by a certified public accountant, the compilation of all auxiliary sessions and Convention sessions into one Minute, and the employment of Prison Chaplain will be implemented and executed by the most efficient Executive Secretary, Dr. O.L. Sherrill. He stated to the executive committee and general board that he would execute and implement all the proposals to the best of his ability and knowledge. However, "some people will have to be educated to change."

The President and administrative committee will monitor the implementation and execution in accordance with the Convention's policy and structure.

All the institution and auxiliary heads expressed total agreement, support and cooperation to the 1976 goals: "5,000 Souls Saved and 1 Million Dollars Raised". All agreed not to maximize one objective nor minimize the other, but present

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Banquet Will Honor Leaders

Fairmont — While Senate Intelligence Committee continues the probe into C.I.A. and F.B.I. illegal activities, smear tactics and harassment of many American citizens, including Dr. Martin Luther King over 1500 Baptist leaders and politicians will gather on his birthday to honor him, Thursday, January 15 at the Royal Villa, Greensboro. Tribute will be paid to the non - violent, Nobel prize - winning hero, liberator, and civil rights leader. Also, six former General Baptist State Convention Presidents will be honored with life memberships in the NAACP. They are Drs. P.A. Bishop, J.T. Hairston, W.H. Davidson, R.M. Pitts, J.W. White, and C.R. Edwards. The first four are deceased. Dr. J.W. White is pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Asheville and Dr. C.R. Edwards pastors the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville and President of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention of America.

Black members of the North Carolina General Assembly, Reps. Henry E. Frye, H.M. Michaux, Richard C. Erwin, Sens. Fred D. Alexander and John W. Winters who co - sponsored Joint House Resolution 1006 with President Johnson, designating January 15 of each year as Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s birthday in North Carolina will be program participants. The state - wide candidates will briefly state their philosophy and platform

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Laymen Retreat

Over fifty Royal Ambassadors and Laymen with President John McQueen worked, worshiped, wondered and studied at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly Friday - Sunday, December 5-7.

The counselors, boys, and cooks were shocked with awe and amazement at the accommodations and facilities at the Assembly. When they left they were determined to return next year bigger and better but with Chef Cogdell still in charge of the Mess Hall and Superintendent John Daniels still Director General.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

5,000 SOULS SAVED, ONE MILLION DOLLARS RAISED IN '76

From The President's Pen:

The General Baptist State Conventions, District Conventions, Auxiliaries, Associations, Churches, Unions, and Churches must begin the trend of long range planning as in government, industry, education and business or we will be lost in the struggle for survival. Our convention and church programs, plans, projects and budgets must be projected for a minimum of five to ten years.

If we do not know the population, educational, environmental economic trends and impact, in the midst of costly church - building programs we could discover everything obselete and valueless.

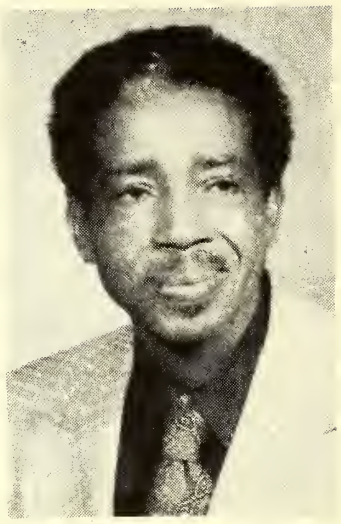
Therefore, it is imminent and mandatory that our convention and church committees be appointed or elected to serve for four years or more on possible rotating bases. No major committee, like budget, program, resolution, education, political action or state of the nation can adequately function in a two or three - day session.

Necessary funds must be provided in the Budget for the effective and efficient operation of these significant committees.

This means that committee members must take the leadership in giving more to the "Unified Plan - God's Plan for Man, Tithing" - to adequately fund these committees so the Members may be compensated for "pool mileage". Our church gives a tenth of her gross income to home mission and Convention objectives. Try God and you will be surprised as well as blessed.

The physical growth of the Convention demands that churches and cities that invite the annual sessions or one day sessions must provide competent and adequate accomandations and facilities at competitive prices for the messengers. God is really blessing us right now. Let us thank Him. Do not complain, but commend.

Did you send your contributions for the prison ministry? We are counting on



J.J. JOHNSON

you! A fill-time prison chaplain is expected to be employed in early January.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year To All

Yours for the Kingdom,
Joy J. Johnson, President

Correction !

I wish to express my apologies to the following churches and Associations for errors made in publishing contributions in the recent issue of The Annual Report.

For the Union Association, instead of $2,276.91, the correct total is $20,524.34.

For the Original Shiloh Association, instead of $180.10 from the Association, the correct total is $272.75.

For the First Baptist Church, Fairmont, instead of $2,828.50 for foreign missions, the correct amount is $4,128.50.

For the Guiding Light Association, instad of W.M. Harris, the correct name of the moderator is L.A. Reid.

I am asking all recipients of the Annual Report to insert the corrections.

"To err is human, to forgive is divine". We appreciate your kind understanding.

O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary - Treasurer

5 Year Plan

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emphasis ("Into all the world: a church renewed for mission; people renewed for evangelism") will climax with the 14th Baptist World Congress in July 1980 at Toronto, Canada.

The Wake Forest meeting was the fourth time the BWA Executive Committee (formerly Administrative Subcommittee) has met outside the BWA headquarters city of Washington to introduce the leaders and work of the Alliance to more areas of the country. About 350 North Carolinians attended a BWA rally at the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, hosted by the General Baptist State Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Goulding and Claas briefed BWA leaders on European Baptist work. The European Baptist Federation will meet in "socialist" countries for the first time in 1976 when its Executive meets March 24-28 at Moscow, USSR, and when its Council meets September 17-20 at Budapest.

Baptists of Germany, Canada, Australia, and most of the BWA representatives from the USA, experienced their first "Pig Picking" when Southeastern Seminary President W. Randall Lolley hosted an outdoor pork roast at his campus home.

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Monthly State-Wide Emphasis

Ed. Note: The following was adopted on December 16, 1975 in a Budget Committee Meeting at Baptist Headquarters.

Monthly State-wide Emphasis

I. January - July, State Missions;

II. February - August, The Central Orphanage;

III. March - September, Shaw University

IV. April - October, Foreign Missions;

V. May - November, The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly;

VI. June - December, The Shaw School of Divinity

NOTE:

1. The objectives of our Convention are to be emphasized in the months designated and also in the pocket calendars prepared by our convention.
2. All literature printed by our conventions are to give emphasis to the objectives as monthly designated.
3. All Institution and agency heads, as well as all convention workers and staff are to emphasize the objectives in the months designated in the **Baptist Informer**, and as they visit with and among the Baptists of our state.
4. Contributions will be accepted in any month as usual.

All Baptist Assembly

The entire Baptist Family will be hosted by New Bethel Baptist Church, Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor and co - hosted by the Convention City Churches, Monday through Thursday, August 2-5. Dr. Coleman W. Kerry and the Program Committee have begun plans for the "Big Days". The one day session will convene with Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, Dr. H.S. Diggs, Pastor, May 5, 1976.

Summit Meeting

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the "Total Unified Program." The following were present: Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, President, Shaw University; Drs. W.R. Gregg, E.B. Turner and Rev. J.Z. Alexander, the Divinity School; Mr. H.V. Bryant, Supt. Central Orphanage; Dr. C.R. Edwards, President Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention; Dr. Corbin L. Cooper, Secretary Cooperative Ministries; Mrs. J.B. McLester, President and Mrs. M.A. Horne, Executive Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; Mr. John McQueen, President Laymen League; Mr. S.L. Fennell, President Ushers State Convention; Mr. James L. Lassiter, President and Mr. James E. Bellamy, Jr., President of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress. All the objectives will have special months for emphasis. The Baptist Informer will carry the emphasis month. Contributions from churches and all sources will be accepted anytime as usual.

The new look of the **Baptist Informer** received much acclaim, praise, commendations, congratulations and a vote to make it permanent by the bretheren. The motion was made by Dr. C.R. Moseley and seconded by Drs. - Edwards, Turner, Drayton, Butler, Raper, Moore, and Battle. The meeting convened on November 24-25.

Banquet Will

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after the major address. So, the night will consist of feasting on $25.00 plate dinners, with praise of Dr. King and former Presidents plus the purging of political candidates. The profits from the Banquet will go toward the construction of a ministers and missionaries retreat at the J.J. Johnson Assembly grounds.

Happy New Year!!

Letters To The Editor

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

Dear Sir:

Much has been written about Costa Rica and the many American "Pensionados" (retirees) who settled there. Had it not been for a bout with breast cancer, we would already be among them.

Snce I last wrote you, because of the excellent medical facilities in Costa Rica, I have been given the okay to start plans for our move to Guanacaste Province, near Liberia City.

We will soon be building our home in Ranchos Maricosta, where we will have a few cattle for the freezer, horses for our two children, a garden and fruit and nut trees. It is a long-awaited dream-and we can hardly wait! We are really very excited about this. So much so, in fact, that if any readers would like more information about this beautiful, amazing little country and its Retirement Law, they can write me. I will be happy to share what I know with them.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

Mrs. M.A. Horne
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Woman's Baptist Home and
Foreign Missionary Convention
of N.C.

Spiritual Safari

The Spiritual Safari with Mrs. M.A. Horne as hostess, a West African tour to Nigeria and Liberia will depart from New York City on November 22.

$1,289.00 round trip tour price from New York City. This price includes first class hotel accommodations, 2 meals per day and travels. Airport taxes and visa fees estimated $35.00 per person.

We will visit Liberia and Nigeria including Monrovia, Brewerville, Port Harcourt, Lagos, Ibadan etc. **Join us as we visit** the schools, clinics, churches and mission stations we have helped to build as we continue to give unstinted support through out Lott Carey Convention. See the Wendell C. Somerville School and the Students in Action at Port Harcourt.

In Monrovia we will visit the executive Mansion where we will meet Dr. and Mrs. Tolbert and friends.

In Lagos we will attend the second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture, there will be a variety of exhibits. In Lagos and Liberia we will also visit the Southern Baptist Mission Sations and the Firestone plantation (the largest in the world).

See the rapid growth of Africa, as well as the customs, style, educational facilities of our people.

We have tour members from North Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia and Washington - WHAT A FAMILY! Come On And See God's Creation.

Upon request we will forward you a brochure of the tour. One hundred ($100.00) dollars will enroll you as a member. On receiving your first payment other information will follow in 1976. Full is expected payment on or before September 30, 1976.

Pastors, Laymen, Sisters, may I hear from you?
Sincerely,
Mrs. M.A. Horne
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Raleigh, North Carolina
27602

"From Poverty To Riches"

Lumberton — You have long ago read, heard and seen individuals who have risen from "poverty to riches," but there is a brownskinned native of Robeson County (with a multi-racial background), who has risen from tenant farmer's last of 13 children to become Tarheelia's second Negro legislator in this century; and the titular head of the 300,000 black Baptist in his native state!

The Rev. Joy Joseph Johnson, Box 455, Fairmont, N.C. 28340, who, because of his outstanding achievements through his early acceptance of Christianity (at the age of 16), and soon becoming a minister, civic leader and attachment to the program of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), found himself being elected the first Negro Councilman of his native Fairmont, where he is now still the pastor of the First Baptist (Negro) Church, despite the fact that he has gone on to halls of the North Carolian General Assembly. These accomplishments have, rightfully, earned for "Jay Jay Jay" the awarding of a Doctorate degree.

Every poverty-stricken youth should read Dr. Johnson's 50 page pocket-size booklet which narrates the struggles, determination, anxiety, ambitions, humility, thanks to God and those of all races-blacks, Indians and whites of this area - who formed the coalition which elected him to Fairmont Town Council and N.C. Legislature.

"Jay Jay Jay" is a far cry from the one we laugh at on the tube. Dr. Johnson is a prime example-even a model - to youths of all races to pattern after, as he has dedicated his life to the service of the church, his family and the nation. He pays tribute to his parents, wife, child and in-laws, along with the ministers, laymen and black and white businessmen who helped him get a home.

From Friendship To Shiloh

By Rev. T.M. Walker

Greensboro — The Friendship Baptist Church of Gastonia with its pastor, the Rev. T.M. Walker; his three choirs, ushers, deacons and congregation were guests who rendered service at the Shiloh Baptist Church of Greensboro recently.

The Deaconess Board of Shiloh, The Rev. Otis L. Hairston is pastor sponsored the special service.

After a wonderful service enjoyed by all, the offering amounted to more than $300.00 and then refreshments were served in the fellowship hall of the church.

To transport the Friendship Baptist Church members from Gastonia to Greensboro there were two buses filled to capacity. One of the 52 - passenger buses was owned by the Friendship church and the other chartered.

Baptist Women Set Goals For New Year

The 1976 Bicentennial Calendar of Special Events and Statements Please Reserve

1976 Spiritual Budget 500 Souls (5,000)
1976 Financial Budget $250,000.00 ($1,000,000)
All Institute are $60.00 per week

1976 EVENTS

JANUARY 17 — (BRING A SANDWICH) — The Bicentennial Mid-Year Session, Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, North Carolina, Hours 8:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

APRIL 10 — (BRING A SANDWICH) — State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, First Baptist Church, 101 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, Dr. C.W. Ward Minister, Hours 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For: **LEADERS OF DEPARTMENTS**

JUNE 7-11 — The Missionary Training Conference, The Baptist Assembly - Laurel Hill.

JUNE 13 - JULY 9 — Youth Bible Camp weeks, The Baptist Assembly - Laurel Hill.

JULY 17 — The All Baptist Picnic, The Baptist Assembly - Laurel Hill.

AUGUST 2-5 — 92nd Annual Session (All Baptist Assembly), Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 3 — Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Annual Session Rchmond, Virginia.

SEPTEMBER 7-12 — National Woman's Convention Inc. Dallas, Texas.

In Loving Memory

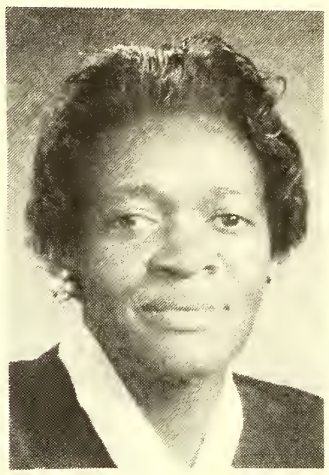
Mrs. T.A. Grant

Greensboro — The funeral service for the late Mrs. T.A. Grant was held Thursday, November 13, 1975 at the East White Oak Missionary Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C. She departed this life on Monday, November 10, 1975.

The eulogy for Mrs. Grant was delivered by the Reverend W.M. Richmond, Pastor of the East White Oak Baptist Church. She lived a full and very productive life and was very active in the church as president of the Missionary Department for a number of years.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. T.A. Grant; two daughters, Mrs. Julia Duke and Mrs. Cora Seibles, and one son, Mr. John W. Grant all of Greensboro, mother, Mrs. Alvin Fitzgerald of Boston, Mass.; five sisters, Miss Elizabeth Fitzgerald of Mt. Clair, N.J., Miss Olivet Fitzgerald, Miss Maggie Fitzgerald, Mrs. Marline Kenner and Mrs. Patricia White, all of Boston, Mass; two brothers, Mr. John Fitzgerald of Greensboro, and Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald of Boston, Mass; ten grandchildren, three great - grandchildren; nieces; nephews and many other relatives.

We commend this family to the Grace of God where lasting comfort is found.



Carrie B. Johnson

Receives Plaque

By Rev. B.R. Robinson

Charlotte — Recently in a very lovely and emotion - filled ceremony, Miss Carrie B. Johnson was honored and given a plaque by the New Zion Baptist Church Missionary Department.

The Plaque was presented in recognition of twenty years of service as a member of New Zion Baptist Church. She has served as an Adult Sunday School teacher, a member of the Choir, as president of the Missionary Department, a member of the Pastor's Aide Club, a member of the Mecklenburg County Union and Secretary - Treasurer of the Mount Peace Baptist Association Women's Auxiliary.

The Plaque reads as follows: Miss Carrie B Johnson

In Appreciation of Your Christian Leadership
and
Dedication as Missionary Circle President
November 16, 1975

Rev. B.R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

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Native Son New Pastor

By Mrs. Pauline Rollinson

Asheville — In a very impressive and dignified ceremony, recently, Dr. Charles Ronald Mosley, Sr., was installed as pastor of the energetic Nazareth First Baptist Church here.

The installation of Dr. Mosley was particularly significant because he is a native son of the city. Sometims a "prophet is not without honor, save in his own house and among his own people." The people of Nazareth Church are to be congratulated for having the grace to recognize and honor one of their own sons.

Dr. Mosley was born in Passaic, New Jersey, but was reared in "the land of the sky" from the tender age of two years.

He attended public schools here, graduating from Lee High in 1957. He continued his education at Shaw University where he earned the bachelor of Arts degree. Furthering his professional training he received the bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology from Shaw Divinity School.

At an early age Dr. Mosley joined the Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he responded to the call to the Christian ministry and received license to preach, February, 1957. He was ordained a Baptist minister in May, 1960.

Former pastorates include: Eastern Star Baptist Church, Tarboro, Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Greenville, and Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Belmont.

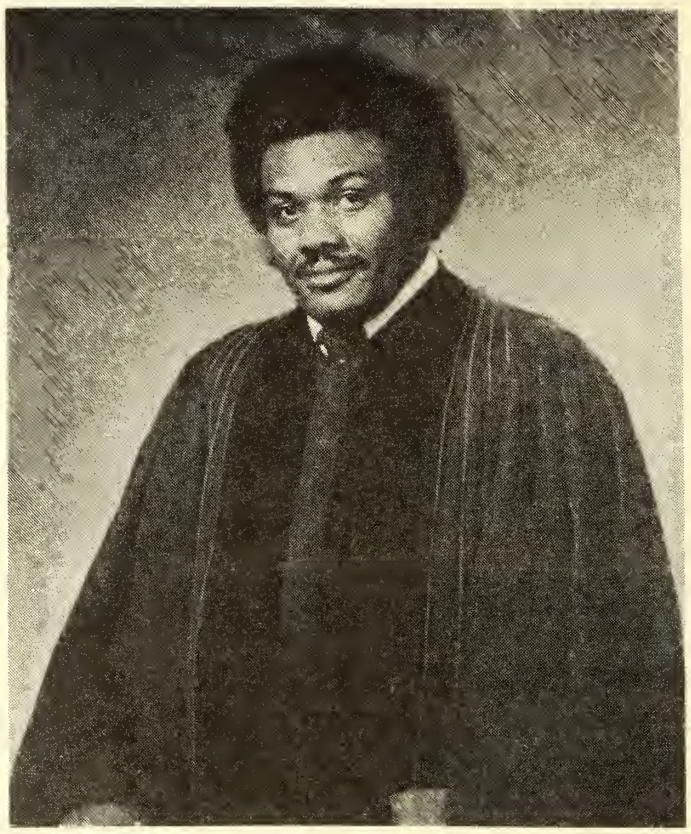
In addition he has held the following positions: Moderator of the Gaston County Baptist Association; Director and Dean of Gaston County Cooperative Institute; President of the Gaston Co. Ministerial Alliance and Secretary - Treasurer of the Belmont Fellowship Union.

Presently he is Director of Music, Member of the Executive Board, Associate Secretary of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention and Associate Secretary of the executive committee of the Lott Carey Foreign Baptist Mission Convention. He is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons.

Because of these outstanding achievements to the spiritual life of the church and society, he was honored by his Alma Mater, Shaw University, with the honorary doctor of divinity degree, November 7, 1975. He has also traveled extensively in the United States, Europe and the Middle East. Recently he has been selected to appear in the First Edition of "Who's Who Among Black Americans."

Dr. Mosley is married to Miss Lue Alvia Riddick of Raleigh, and they are the parents of two children.

Some of the outstanding leaders appearing on the program were: Dr. N.M. Avery, Pastor Hill Street Baptist Church; Rev. Cecil Moore, Pastor Mt. Carmel Baptist Church; Rev. Lavonia Ray, pastor New Zion Baptist Church, city; Councilman Bill B. Harton; Rev. J.T. Jones, Berry Temple United Methodist Church; Mr. O.L. Sherrill, Jr., Principal, William Randolph School, Dr. John W. White, Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church, who delivered the installation message; Dr. J.C. Harris, Pastor First Baptist Church of Statesville; Rev. A.L. Smith, Pastor New Bethel Baptist Church, and Mr. Alonzo McCoy, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Nazareth First Baptist Church.



Dr. C.R. Misley

Banquet Honors Pastor's Service

By Mrs. Hattie Rice

Winston Salem — The 25th Anniversary of the Reverend S. Walter Mack, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, was celebrated here recently.

At a distinctly impressive Banquet held at the downtown M.C. Benton Convention Center, the Reverend Mr. Mack was declared to be "The Man of the Hour."

Dr. A.H. McDaniel, Pastor, Union Baptist Church, delivered a profound and highly relevant address to nearly 500 members and friends who attended the banquet. The address was interrupted frequently by enthusiastic applause as Dr. McDaniel recounted the many educational, civic and spiritual contributions Reverend Mack made to the community.

He received a standing ovation at the close of the address.

In addition to the stirring message, the evening was further highlighted by the presentation of an eight - piece silver set to Rev. and Mrs. Mack by the members of Emmanuel Church. He was also given a silver tray by members of Buncombe Baptist Church, Lexington, where he has been pastor since 1964.

The Anniversary Committee was headed by Mrs. Essie Lennon, President of the Missionary Department for twenty - six years.

Reverend Mack came to Emmanuel in 1950, when the church had only forty members. Since that time he has baptized and fellowshipped more than nine hundred persons into the church. Other achievements made under his leadership include the purchase of a church bus and a church van. When the church edifice was destroyed by fire in 1972, he led the membership to purchase a new church home by June of 1974. The mortgage on the edifice on Shalimar Drive was paid off in thirteen months.

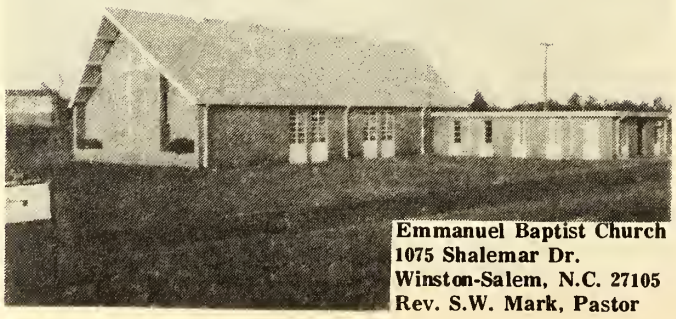
The church now operates a full - time licensed day care center. Recently a nine - acre plot of land was purchased where members may have a vegetable garden.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment that he has made is the fact that the church is filled to capacity each Sunday. These and other accomplishments have been realized because his theme is: "Now Is The Time For Faith". His faith has inspired many to trust God in these troubled times.

Mrs. Mack was also recognized as a wife standing by a great man through the great main stream of action in a quiet - like manner; that is both thrilling and commendable. She is the personality most responsible for the vital backbone of support as mother and wife.

Other personalities appearing on the program were: Dr. D.R. Hedgley who gave the invocation; Mrs. Clara N. Hayes, President of the Forsyth County Missionary Union, who presented the guest; Dr. Jerry Dayton, pastor, New Bethel Baptist Church, who presented the speaker; Mr. Robert B. Stewart, who sang a solo; Rev. E.L. Clark, President of the Baptist Minister's Conference and Association, who recognized the Ministers; and Deacon Squire Hairston, Buncombe Baptist Church, who gave the prayer.

Rev. S. Walter Mark



Emmanuel Baptist Church
1075 Shalemar Dr.
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105
Rev. S.W. Mark, Pastor

Rev. Logan Ordained

By Rev. W.C. Hay

Winston Salem — The Reverend Doyster Logan, Jr., received ordination here recently in a solemn service held at First Baptist Church. Rev. Logan was licensed April 13, 1975, by the Galilee Baptist Church, Dr. W.C. Hay, pastor.

The young Reverend Logan is a member of the First Baptist Church, Reidsville, Rev. E.M. Brown, pastor. He is the son of the late Dr. A.D. Logan, Sr. former moderator of Rowan Baptist Association.

He attended the public schools of Reidsville continuing his education at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, N.C., he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Communication. He attended the Howard University School of Religion in Washington, D.C., 1972-73. In 1973 he began his studies at the Duke Divinity, Durham, receiving his Master of Divinity Degree in May 1975. He is presently enrolled at the Duke Divinity School, where he is working towards a Master of Theology Degree, hopefully to be conferred in May of 1976.

Rev. Logan resides in Durham, and serves as associate pastor at the Galilee Bapist Church. He says that he plans to continue his education and to follow God's heavenly vision.

A Grand Session

By A.E. Watson

Mocksville — The eighteenth session of the Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association, and the sixty - second annual session of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary, was held with the Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Marshville. Rev. H.D. Marshall, host Pastor, Dr. L.D. Parker, Moderator.

Dr. Preston Pendergrass, the initial speaker, discussed the topic, "Leading Others to Christ." The ushers and laymen are in the business of leading others to Christ. Two important things leaders for Christ must possess are, "To be born again, and know that you know how to lead others to Christ," he went on. "Ushers and laymen who do not possess the above qualities are in the wrong business," he concluded. Dr. Pendergrass' speech was spiritual as well as educational.

The message of the evening was delivered by Rev. J.W. Wallace. "What Is Man" was his heartwarming and soul - stirring message.

The Thursday session was preceded by the annual address of the moderator, Dr. L.D. Parker. His subject was, "Seek, and Going Stright Through Jesus Christ". His statement, "The devil will destroy our churches if we let him," was a challenging statement. His address was one of the most dynamic speeches heard.

Friday morning the committees began their reports. The reports clearly showed that this was one of the most prosperous years in the history of the Association.

At Green Oaks

Tea Climaxes Fund Raising

By Joannie Anderson

The trustees of the Green Oaks Baptist Church put forth their first fund - raising effort for our new church edifice.

A two week effort was climaxed with a "Four Corner Tea" and a beautiful program. Mrs. Lucille Jones was mistress of ceremonies for the program.

Mrs. Ethel Bittle had a beautiful Bible skit with the youth of the church entitled "The Hidden Talent". She narrated the skit while the young people acted in the roles of king and servants who all performed talents.

Charles Gwinn was the king. Valarie Bittle, Sandra Anderson and Samuel Gwinn were the servants.

The skit was used to show how God wants our talent to win souls.

Mrs. Gloria Anderson, Mrs. Zetta Poe, Mrs. Lenda Belk and Mrs. Joanna Pharr were the four seasons.

The Youth Choir from Temple Baptist Church brought their message in songs. The program was very successful and enjoyed by all.

Roses For Rev. And Mrs. J.B. Moore

By Mrs. A.C. Matthews

Weldon — A bouquet of four red roses was presented to Rev. and Mrs. John B. Moore and their two children in a recent celebration of the minister's second anniversary as pastor of the First Baptist Church here.

Rev. Jerimah Webb, pastor of Little Hope Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, challenged the congregation through his unique message entitled "Flowers While He Lives". He called upon the members to "adequately recognize their pastor while he is still living." He was accompanied by his choir, ushers, and members.

The Service, which followed a fellowship dinner, featured special music by the "John Bee's", a group of singers composed of members of the Pastor's Aide Club. The singing of "Where is Your Faith In God?", was especially inspirational.

Reverend Moore is a staunch supporter of the Unified Plan and a member of the Executive Board of the General Baptist State Convention. He came to First Baptist, Weldon, from Friendship Baptist Church of Okinawa, which he founded. He encourages all to live by the standard set by the "Supreme Ruler" and considers the whole community to be his parish, where he ministers to the whole church and the whole man.

The Anniversary Committee Chariman was Mrs. A.C. Matthews. Other committee members were: Mrs. F.S. Kee, Mrs. Georgia Wood, Mr. J.A. Campbell, Mr. Herman Scott, Miss Jeanette Williams and Mr. A.C. Cofield, Jr.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS — BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, DEC. 8-10 — Left to Right: Dr. C.C. Craig; Mr. H.V. Bryant; Rev. Leo Williams, Rev. R.W. Perry, Rev. R.L. Lassiter, Mrs. J.B McLester; Rev. Frank Bullock and President Johnson.

INTENSE DISCUSSION characterized the December 8-10 workshop held on the J.J. Johnson Assembly grounds. The goal to save 5-thousand souls and raise 1-million dollars is very much on the move through activity such as this.

CHURCHMEN AND CHURCHWOMEN from across the State ponder the task that lies before the General Baptist State Convention next year. Those Baptists were attending a workshop at the J.J. Johnson Assembly Grounds near Laurel Hill. Dec. 8-10. This workshop is one of the means through which the goal of "5,000 Souls saved and 1,000,000 dollars raised" will be realized.

Church Board Cuts Personnel

Presbyterian News Service

Atlanta — Faced with a projected income insufficient to finance its 1976 programs at the current level, the General Executive Board of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. ordered personnel reductions at home and overseas during its recent three-day meeting.

After seven hours of reviewing budget alternatives, the board voted to reduce its overseas missionary force by 15 from earlier projections for 1976 and gave notice of termination to six domestic staff professionals.

The board voted earlier to scale down the number of missionaries from 397 at the beginning of the year to 355 at the end of 1975.

The 115th General Assembly meeting last June in Charlotte, budgeted for an overseas missionary force at 325 by the end of the 1976. GEB's latest action reduces that number to 310.

The domestic professional staff total at the beginning of the year was 72, and will be 61 with the latest reductions.

Most of the overseas reductions will be achieved through the normal process of attrition.

The six domestic staffers termination date is March 31. However, provision was made for the continuance of salary through June 30 "in case of need."

With the latest reductions, the board is still allocating about two-thirds of its anticipated income to overseas missionary program, personnel and support.

After the board adjourned, the Rev. Dr. G. Thompson Brown, staff director of the Division of International Mission, noted that $4,519,826 of the board's $7,053,500 spending budget will go for overseas mission support.

He pointed out that spiraling inflation overseas, as well as at home, was a large factor in the cutback.

"While 10 years ago it cost less to adequately support a missionary family anywhere overseas than in the United States, today the cost of maintaining a missionary overseas is 5 per cent to 60 per cent more than equivalent costs in the USA," Brown said.

Service Held

By Church Staff

Fayetteville — The Annual Women's Day Observance was held at First Baptist Church, here, Sunday, November 9.

Speaker for the occasion was Mrs. C.R. Edwards, a teacher in Fayetteville Schools, President of the North Carolina Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Second Vice-President of the State Baptist Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. The theme for the day was "Challenges for Christian Women".

During the Morning Service, women over 75 years of age were honored for their faithful service to the church. The culminating activity was a pageant built around the theme of the day.

MRS. J.B. McLESTER, President, Woman's Baptist Convention addresses participants at recent workshop.

Baptist Call 1975 'Banner Year'

Baptist Press

Nashville — Southern Baptist Convention churches experienced another banner year in 1975, according to statistical projections incidating near $1.5 billion in total receipts, more than 79,000 additional members in Sunday School, and the third highest number of baptisms in SBC history.

The preliminary estimates, compiled through reports received from 26,066 out of more than 34,700 Southern Baptist churches, indicate increased in total receipts, Sunday School enrollment, baptisms, church membership, mission expenditures, church music enrollment. Woman's Missionary Union enrollment and Brotherhood enrollment.

The only predicted decrease is in Training Union enrollment. However, the decrease is not as great as it has been the past few years and may indicate a turnaround in enrollment for the organization. Sunday School Board officials said.

The figures, compiled by the SBC Sunday School Board's research services department, should be close to the final official reports to be released in February 1976, according to Martin B. Bradley, department manager.

At the time the projections were computed, about 8,700 churches had not reported, Bradley said.

Projected baptisms show an increase of two per cent for a total of 418,692, the third highest number in SBC history. This marks the fifth consecutive year in which baptisms have exceeded 40,000. The convention has exceeded that mark only nine times in its 130 year history: three times in the 1950's, once in the 1960's and seven times in the past five years.

It's projected that church membership has continued to increase to a total of 12,716,095 members — a 1.6 per cent increase, reflecting a gain of 200,253.

Total financial receipts continued to increase in 1975, according to church reports. Projections indicate a 10 per cent gain, resulting in a total of 1,477,296,756. This would be an increase of more than $134 million over last year's figure.

Mission expenditures are expected to increase nine per cent, gaining nearly $20 million for a total of $239,134,043.

Sunday School enrollment is expected to add 79,099 members in 1975 for a total of 7,269,928. This projected figure includes the highest number of "new" Sunday School members since 1961. In 1972, Sunday School experienced its first gain in seven years and has continued to increase since that time.

According to projections, church music enrollment climbed by 45,642 members in 1975 for a 3.5 per cent increase and total of 1,249,710. This marks the 10th straight year that church music enrollment has shown a gain. Church music has gained over 477,000 members in that 10-year period for a yearly average of 47,700.

As reported by SBC churches, Training Union enrollment appears to be slowing its decreasing enrollment trend. The 1975 ongoing enrollment projections, - which do not include new member, leader training, or short term member training registration, showed a 1.4 per cent decrease compared to 2.3 per cent decrease last year and a 4.6 per cent loss in enrollment in Training Union is 1,878,316.

From The Fayetteville Observer

DEADLINE: January 8, 1976, at the Royal Villa, Greensboro at 11:00 a.m. is the final deadline for reporting all Banquet Ticket Sales. The Royal Villa and the Banquet Committee must have in advance a week's notice of the number expected. Therefore, it will be necessary to have your money in the Baptist Headquarters no later than January 6, 1976, if you cannot be present on Thursday, January 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the Royal Villa, Greensboro with your report.

MINISTERS AND MEMBERS CREDIT UNION PLEDGE

I personally Pledge to Support a State-wide General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc. Ministers and Members Credit Union under the Convention's Benefit Commission, Promotional Director, Dr. C. C. Craig, Assistant Executive Secretary, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N. C. 27601.

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I further pledge to encourage my Church (es) to Save Monthly with the Credit Union $_____

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I understand the Shares Purchased will be owned by the Buyer, except the initial joining fee shall belong to the Credit Union. I further understand that the State Laws and the Ministers and Members Credit Union By-laws will regulate the interest rates and loans.

Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President
Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary

Complete and send to Above Address Immediately!

CREDIT UNION PLEDGE CARDS are currently being circulated throughout the state. Generous pledges will make our statewide credit union a reality that will benefit us for years to come. Your pledge is needed.

Sears Grants Shaw $90,000

Raleigh — Grants totaling $90,000 from The Sears - Roebuck Foundation will be distributed to 40 colleges and universities including Shaw University in Raleigh and five other institutions in the state.

The total grant was presented in Atlanta by the Foundation on November 12 to The United Negro College Fund. Accepting the check for redistribution to member institutions was Christopher F. Edley of New York, executive director of UNCF. Colleges in North Carolina will receive $12,634.

The Sears - Roebuck Foundation is a non - profit corporation organized and endowed by Sears, Roebuck and Company to carry on charitable, scientific and educational programs with established groups with a view toward improving the well being of American society.

In 1975 unrestricted grants totaling $1,250,000 will be made to other private colleges and universities throughout the nation.

At the presentation in Atlanta was A.M. Prado, Sears Southern Territory vice president.

Shaw University in Raleigh will receive $2,828 from the UNCF grant. Other grants include: Barber - Scotia College in Concord, $1,498; Bennett College in Greensboro, $1,572; Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, $2,196; St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, $2,805 and Livingston College in Salisbury, $1,735.

The United Negro College Fund conducts national fund raising campaigns in order to raise money for operating expenses of 41 predominantly black colleges and universities.

Edley said that 48,000 students were enrolled in UNCF institutions last year and the national fund - raising goal for 1975 is $14 million. The money is used, he said, "for student financial aid, the upgrading of facilities and staff, the upgrading of libraries, to expand curricular offerings in the field of business, economics, medicine and communications and add new teaching and laboratory equipment."

The Sears - Roebuck Foundation has been making grants to UNCF since 1955.

On The International Scene

Washington, D.C. (BP) — Baptists in Central American and the Caribbean Islands continue to number about 200,000, statistics released by the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) here show.

There are 1,572 Baptist churches in 19 nations and 12 dependencies in the combined areas.

This year's figure is given at 199,042 while last year's report showed 202,414. The main difference is in Trinidad and Tobago, where it appears a BWA release notes, that a Baptist community of 7,000 was reported in 1974, instead of the baptized believers (generally around 2,250) as reported, correctly, in 1975.

For the 26 jurisdictions included in the report, Baptists increased in 14, declined in 3 and remain unchanged in numbers in 9.

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Who's Who At Shaw

By C. Warren Massenburg

Raleigh — Shaw University officials have announced that the following students have been selected to appear in the 1975 - 76 edition of Who's Who Among Students In American Colleges and Universities.

The selections were based upon scholastic averages, community service, leadership ability and future potential.

They are: Frances Addison, Saint George, S.C.; Patricia Blow, Snow Hill, N.C.; Edith Bowden, Portsmouth, Va.; Helen Brown, South Hill, Va.; Elizabeth Creecy, Rich Square, N.C.;

Stephen D'Arbeau, Ossining, N.Y.; Ophelia DeCoster, Kingstree, S.C.; Onofiok Ekpo, Raleigh, N.C.; Beryl Faircloth, Portsmouth, Va.; Lillie Feggins, South Hill, Va.; Charlie Fields, Jr., Oxford, N.C.; Linda Garrett, Portsmouth, Va.; Leonard Arnold Giles, Portsmouth, Va.; Gregory Gipson, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.;

Lorenzo Hainsworth, Portsmouth, Va.; Zonna Inge, Danville, Va.; Joseph Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; Gail Jarrett, Chicago, Ill.; Marilyn Johnson, Hollister, N.C.; David Lanier, Raleigh, N.C.; Candyce Newsome, Ahoskie, N.C.; Isaac Ruffin, Jr., Newport News, Va.;

Christine Sampson, Mobile, Ala.; Cornell Wells, Portsmouth, Va.; Ellen Williams, Wake Forest, N.C.; and Jeannette Winstead, Raleigh, N.C.

Determination Can Overcome Poverty

By J.B. Harren
The Nashville Graphic

You have heard of individuals who have risen from poverty to riches, but there is a brown-skinned native of Robeson County (with a multi-racial background) who has risen from tenant farmer's last of 13 children to become Tarheelia's second Negro legislator in this century and the titular head of the 300,000 black Baptists in his native State.

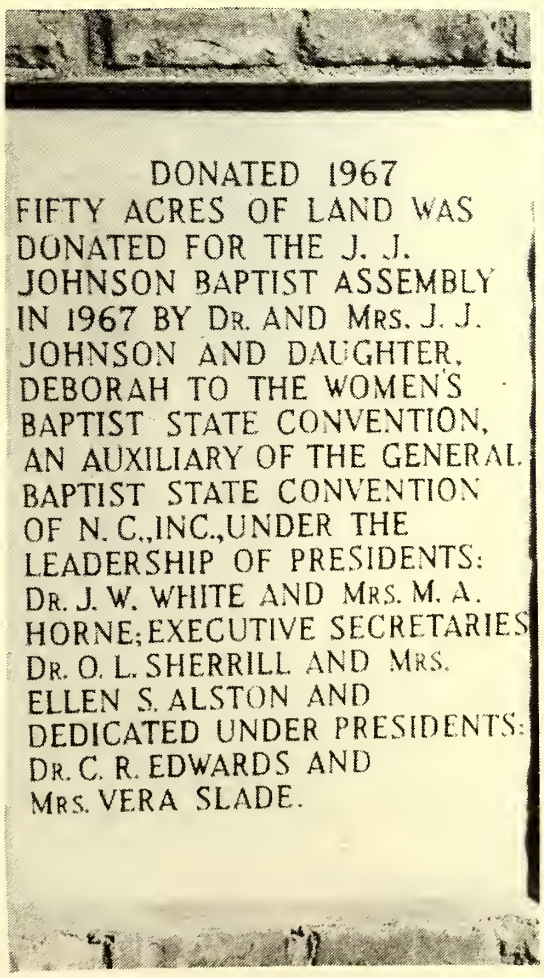
Rev. Joy Joseph Johnson of Fairmont, through his early acceptance of Christianity, and soon becoming a minister, civic leader and attachment to the program of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, found himself elected the first Negro councilman of his native Fairmont, where he is now still the pastor of the First Baptist (Negro) Church, despite the fact that he has gone on to the North Carolina General Assembly.

These accomplishments have earned for "Jay Jay Jay" a doctorate degree.

Every poverty-stricken youth should read Dr. Johnson's 50-page pocket-size booklet which narrates the struggles, determination, anxiety, ambitions, humility, thanks of God and those of all races who formed the coalition which elected him to the Fairmont Town Council and the North Carolina Legislature.

"Jay Jay" is a far cry from the one we laugh at on the tube.

THE DONORS, Dr. J.J. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson and daughter Deborah survey marker signifying their gracious gift to the General Baptist State Convention.



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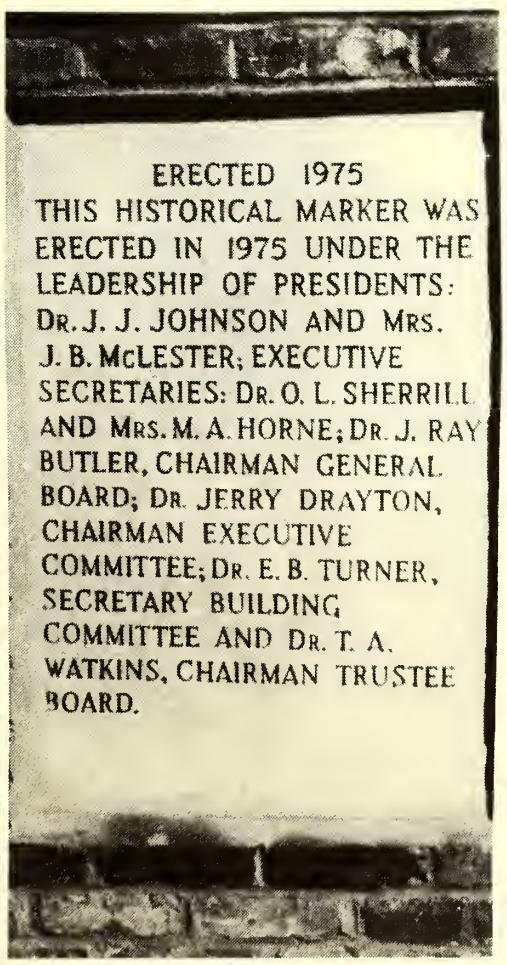

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PRESERVED IN STONE are the records of those who generously gave and those who officially accepted the gift - fifty acres of land, the J.J. Johnson Assembly grounds in Laurel Hill.

Catholics Withdraw Booklet

New York (AP) — Under pressure of the U.S. Roman Catholic bishops, the main national organization of Catholic lay members has halted distribution of a study booklet critical of American values, the government and the Church.

But the decision has stirred controversy, and William H. Sandweg, a Washington, D.C., attorney and president of the National Council of Catholic Men, expressed hope it would be reversed.

"There needs to be some rethinking about it," he said "We reacted as children do to authority and simply capitulated without being given specific reasons for it and without being heard ourselves."

He said the adult educational booklet, ' Question of Values," deliberately raises questions about conditions in Church and society, and that critical thinking about these matters was necessary and healthy.

The booklet was issued last January by the National Council of Catholic Laity, a merged umbrella group including national lay organizations both of Catholic men and women, in a project funded at $20,000.

But after the bishops' administrative board, at its spring meeting, objected to the booklet, the 24-member board of the lay organization decided in a split vote to withdraw it.

A bishops' staff critique, sent to the lay group at the time, charged that the booklet reflected "extreme anti-institutionalism" and near moral relativism.

The booklet was written by William Maher, an editor for the old Atomic Energy Commission, and author of a previously best-selling Catholic study book, "The Spirit of Renewal." Bishop James S. Rausch of Washington, secretary to the bishops, said they did not arbitrarily suppress the book, but simply advised against continuing, and the lay group made that decision on its own.

"The fundamental issue here is whether the bishops should simply remain passive when a national Catholic organization attempts, sincerely but mistakenly, to palm off a bad piece of work on the dioceses," Bishop Rausch said.

He said he feels the bishops acted responsibly in raising objections.

Withdrawal of the booklet first was reported this week by the National Catholic Reporter, an independent weekly published in Kansas City.

It said that John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia, former president of the bishops, and Archbishop Francis Furey of San Antonio had been among influential bishops raising complaints about the booklet.

From The Fayetteville Observer

Dr. J.J. JOHNSON BURNS $150,000.00 MORTGAGE at First Baptist, Fairmont during his 24th Anniversary services on December 7. The youngest member at First Baptist, Lawrence Thompson and oldest active member, Mrs. Beatrice Howell help as trustees and finance committeemen look on.

REV. J.E. DEVOE HOST PASTOR, 108th Annual Session of General Baptist State Convention. Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby.

REV. F.R. GILES, CO-HOST PASTOR, 108th Annual Session of General Baptist State Convention.

DR. O.L. SHERILL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of the General Baptist State Convention addressing a group at the 108th Session reiterated the importance of accomplishing the goals of "5,000 Souls saved and $1,000,000,000 raised in 1976". Seated are, L. to R.: Dr. Nelson H. Smith, Dr. E.B. Turner, Dr. J.J. Johnson, Dr. Jerry Drayton, Rep. Hunt and Sen. Mauney.

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Name of Church_____

Address_____Zip_____

Pastor_____Number of years served_____

Address_____

Year Church Organized_____Membership_____

Name of Association_____Moderator_____

Number of Active Auxiliaries_____ Worship Sundays _____

Number of Ordained Ministers_____Number of Licentiates_____

Number of Deacons_____List All Active Auxiliaries: 1._____

2._____3._____4._____

5._____6._____7._____

Number of Associate Ministers_____Average Monthly Church Attendance_____

Number Enrolled in Church School_____B.T.U._____Laymen League_____

Senior Missionary Department_____Young Adult Department_____

Youth Department_____Number of Institutes_____Number Enrolled_____

Number of Revivals_____Name of Director of Christian Education or Superintendent

_____Minister of Music_____

Name of Associate Minister_____

Value of Church Property: Sanctuary $_____Educational Facilities $_____

Recreational Facilities $_____Furniture $_____Parsonage $ _____

Other Property (buses, cars or houses and land) $_____. Total Value of

All Property $_____Total Amount of All Insurance Coverage $_____

Annual Church Budget $ _____ Total Contributions to Convention Objectives

$_____ Association $_____Union $_____ National Baptist

Bodies $_____Total Annual Contributions $_____

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To: Dr. D. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary
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Our 1976 church census form above has been adopted as the means by which we bind ourselves closer together.

Let us answer the President's call for a "move accurate count of our membership, churches, associations, auxiliaries, district conventions, pastors, moderators, ministers, church officers and the net total of our worth in property, cash, bonds, and other assets."

Baptist Headquarters needs facts and figures to make our goal of "5,000 Souls Saved and $1 - Million Dollars Raised" a reality.

Return your form promptly.

TWO ROBESON COUNTY MINORITY DOCTORS received awards for outstanding services on civil rights and medical aid for the poor. The presentations were made at the 32nd Annual Session of the State Conference of NAACP meeting in Lumberton - Nov. 3-5. Making the presentations were Dr. J.J. Johnson and Kelley M. Alexander, Sr., President of the state chapter. L to R: Dr. Johnson, Dr. A.J. Robinson, Lumberton, Dr. M.L. Brooks, Pembroke and President Alexander.